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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, UNESCO, VN

SUBJECT: STATUS OF GVN APPEAL TO UNESCO RE CAO DAI

HOLY SEE

REF: SAIGON 0212

1. PERMDEL ADVISED BY VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO, NGUYEN QUOC DINH, THAT SUBJECT APPEAL REPORTED REFTEL HAS BEEN DULY CONVEYED TO UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL A. M. M'BOW. NGUYEN, WITH WHOM PERMDEL HAS EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP, SAID HE WOULD BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT AND WOULD ADVISE PERMDEL OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. HE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR EVIDENCE OF US INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE BUT QUITE FIRMLY INDICATED THAT FOR THE MOMENT THIS SHOULD BE KEPT DISTINCTLY IDENTIFIED AS A GVN INITIATIVE.

2. COMMENT: PERMDEL WOULD HOPE THAT GVN HAS GIVEN FULLEST ATTENTION TO BACKLASH POTENTIAL OF THIS APPEAL TO UNESCO. AS NEITHER NORTH VIETNAM NOR VIETCONG "PRG" ARE MEMBERS OR OTHERWISE ASSOCIATED WITH UNESCO THERE IS NO DIRECT UNESCO CHANNEL FOR DG TO USE. INDEED, POSSI-
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BILITY THAT IF APPEAL IS PUSHED BY GVN, DG MIGHT LOOK TO

MEMBER STATE AS INTERMEDIARY TO CONTACT NORTH
VIETNAMESE OR, EVEN MORE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS, MAY HAVE
NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CONTACT "PRG" MISSION IN PARIS.
APPROACH TO LATTER MIGHT RUN RISK OF IMPLICIT OFFICIAL
RECOGNITION OF "PRG" TO DETRIMENT OF GVN STATUS IN
UNESCO. FINALLY, SOVIETS AND CHINESE WOULD BE CERTAIN
TO TRY AND STOP OR DISTORT ANY MEANINGFUL UNESCO ACTION.
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